

## NATCHITOCHES PARISH PORT COMMISSION

July 21, 2025, Regular Meeting

Present were Nettles Brown, William Allen, K. David Zachary and J.W. Scarborough, Commissioners. Absent was Mary Ann Motter. Also, present were Travis Tyler, Executive Director of the Port, Mickey Chambers, Assistant to the Executive Director of the Port and Mark A. Begnaud of McCoy Roberts & Begnaud, Ltd., legal counsel to the Commission

A motion was made by Mr. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Allen, and duly carried to approve the minutes of the Regular Commission Meeting on June 16, 2025.

As part of the Director's Activity Report, Mr. Tyler reported: 1) approximately 260,000 tons passed through the Port through the end of June; 2) the water has receded enough for Dock 3 to dry out a little. Regional Construction should be forming up concrete this week. The Port is still working with FEMA on funding. Three of five funding requests have been advanced; 3) he continues to work with Project Green Waste Energy on several leasing options; 4) representatives of Project New Hope continue to show interest in the Port; 5) the Port is working with Kisatchie Chips on use of chip loader and truck dump and exploring a lease to own structure for the rail load out component; 6) a frac sand group has expressed interest in using the Port; and 7) Weyerhaeuser has inquired once again regarding the possibility of the Port unloading rail cars for Trus Joist; and 8) a draft of a potential millage request fact sheet was provided to the Commissioners for review and comment.

After the Commissioners reviewed the June, 2025, Treasurer's Report, which included a budget-to-actual comparison, a motion was made by Mr. Zachary, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly carried to accept the reports. Copies of the Treasurer's Report was available for review.

In Old Business: 1) National Guard project to elevate the North Port Tract has been put on hold due to budget and permit issues; and 2) no updates regarding a new rail spur; 3) the Port is

preparing to accept bids for engineering for additional enclosed storage.

In New Business: 1) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed approving advertising for the engineering portion of the additional enclosed warehouse; 2) a motion was made by Mr. Scarborough, seconded by Mr. Allen and duly passed approving electrical repairs for the chip pad conveyor system, subject to the execution of an agreement with Kisatchie Chips; and 3) a motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Zachary and duly passed approving a notice of intention pursuant to La. R.S. 33:4717.2 to consider a resolution to approve a lease agreement with PalmStar Holdings, LLC at the next scheduled meeting of the Commission.

A motion was made by Mr. Allen, seconded by Mr. Scarborough and duly carried that the meeting be adjourned.